

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.
The watermelon crop of Southeast Missouri is reported short this year.
A number of single-tax advocates visited John McAnn at the City Workhouse.
Adolph Madara, member of the House of Delegates, declares he was swindled by a laborer.
John C. Armstrong, ex-Sergeant of Police and jail guard, died at his home on Nebraska avenue.
No claim to the identity of the St. Louis County outside has been found and the body will be buried to-day.
The Reverend A. M. Billingsley preached a sermon at the Maple Avenue M. E. Church on "Blasphemy a Sin."
Republican League delegates from St. Paul return with hope of being able to bring the National convention here.
At the Taylor Avenue Baptist Church, yesterday the Reverend S. E. Evans delivered a sermon on "The Works of Jesus."
"The Pre-Eminence of Jesus" was the theme of the Reverend William Brown's sermon at Tower Grove Methodist Episcopal Church.
John Greaves, a Memphis contractor, was taken to the City Hospital while laboring under a hallucination that he was fighting his enemies.
At St. Paul's M. E. Church, the Reverend M. T. Hay took for the text of his sermon, "If Any Man Do This Will He Shall Know the Doctrine."

GENERAL DOMESTIC.
Texans are holding their wool for better prices.
Nicaragua declines to participate in the Pan-American Congress.
The great drought for some time has caused a general advance in price.
South Africa presents a field for American agricultural implements.
Miller County, Arkansas, Democrats are making an active campaign.
The commandant of the National Guard at Missouri, at Camp Hill, Springfield, broke up yesterday.
A general cleanup of the window glass trades throughout the country is threatened for September.

Secretary Hay will leave Washington to-day to attend the funeral of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Amasa Stone.
An odd form of lightning is reported from New Jersey, where a skin was turned black for a few minutes.
The atom cutters' strike at Chicago has been settled, both sides agreeing to arbitrate differences in the future.

Many of the soldiers of the Third Brigade, Illinois National Guard, were overcome by heat yesterday during parade and guard mount.
King Alexander is to wed Mrs. Draga Maschin, a widow, who is formerly a lady in waiting to Queen Nathalie, the King's mother.

William J. Bryan at Lincoln and William McKinley at Canton spent Sunday by attending church and receiving friends as Sunday visitors.

Relative to Colonel Liscum's death at Tien-Tsin, General Miles says that American officers are not needlessly reckless on the field of battle.

Returning prospectors report that the steamer Nelson was driven ashore. Smallpox has broken out in New York. New gold discoveries have been made.

Natural gas has been discovered in Shelby Township, Illinois. The farmers are making use of it. Five thousand acres of land have been leased by oil operators.

The trades union of Dallas, Tex., decided to defer ordering a general strike in sympathy with the strike of the employees of the Consolidated Electric Railway.

Governor Taft's Medical Board has not issued a single printed report since its organization, although the law expressly requires that such reports shall be issued regularly.

New Jersey workmen blame the McKinley administration for blasting the silk industry. They claim that the trust policy of the Republicans has so curtailed the purchasing power of the people that it has lessened the demand for the goods and thrown them out of employment. Thirty thousand textile workers are out, and of 220 factories only a few are running and these on short time.

SPORTING.
A sixteen-inning game between Chicago and Cleveland resulted in a tie.
J. P. Jacobson met with a serious accident in the Valleyburg, N. Y., cycle race.

Marine Intelligence.
New York, July 22.—Arrived: Steamer Furness, Glasgow and Mobile. Sailed: Steamer Ems, Naples and Genoa.
Queensdown—Arrived: Saxonia, Boston, for Liverpool and London.
Liverpool, July 22.—Arrived: Campania, New York, via Queenstown.
Queensdown—Sailed: Steamer Umbria, from Liverpool, New York.

New York, July 22.—Arrived: Steamer Caledonia, Liverpool.
Boston—Arrived: Steamer Turconan, Liverpool.

FEARS FOR CONGER.
Relative of Li Hung Chang Discerns its Famous Message.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
New York, July 22.—Yan Phou Lee, a relative of Li Hung Chang, and a graduate of Yale University of the class of '87, said to-day:

"The message purporting to be from Minister Conger, and published yesterday, is by no means conclusive proof of the safety of the foreign envoys in China. At the same time, it gives some hope that there is a chance of their being alive. Mr. Conger's dispatch bears no date. That in itself is suspicious, for it is inconceivable that he should omit to state that he was sure of its delivery within a specified time."

"The envoys were heard from the last time May 23. Since then nothing direct has come from them except this message from Mr. Conger. The natural query arises, why have not the other Ministers communicated with their respective Governments, or being allowed to do so, if it is the intention of the Chinese authorities to assure the world of their safety?"

"If the Mandarin's purpose is to stir up motives in the treatment of the foreign envoys, why has he not permitted the Envoy General to communicate with his Government?"

"Now as to the alleged corroborative proofs: neither the edicts purporting to be from Emperor Kwang Su, nor the messages from him, nor the fact that the paper they are written on. The Emperor is either dead or held a prisoner by his uncle, Prince Tuan, the chief friend of this pandemonium, who is generally known of all the military forces in and about Peking, and whose power is such and control so complete as to prevent any authentic news leaking out."

"I believe that all the edicts and dispatches received by Chinese Ministers abroad and the Viceroy at home really emanated from him. I am sure that he is making the world think that the envoys are safe, for thereby he gains time."

"If the Conger message is authentic and was really sent, I believe that he is aware, and that his confederates are held as hostages and may be killed on the appearance of the allied armies at Peking."

The Summer Boarder in a New Light.
The summer boarder is often used to point a joke or adorn a romance, but now for the first time, so far as we are aware, has been investigated, analyzed, tabulated, and reduced to a tangible form as an economic and business factor. This service has been admirably performed by the New Hampshire Labor Bureau, and the result shows that the summer boarder is, after all, a creature of no mean importance regarded from a practical and commercial point of view.

Investigation of this amount \$27,782 was invested in new and enlarged buildings in 1899. Summer visitors left \$1,823,331 in the State last year, and \$1,823,331 in the year before.

There are 34 cities and towns in New Hampshire where summer visitors are entertained, and only thirty-one where they are unknown. Grafton County has the largest number, 1,200. The hotels and boarding-houses furnished employment to 12,200 residents.—Leeds's Weekly.

CHINA IS PUT TO SUPREME TEST.

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Unfortunately the State Department finds itself alone in this, but nevertheless it is convinced that its plan is the best, and it has behind it the consoling assurance that at present all European Governments have tacitly admitted that an error was made in the beginning in following this course.

It is the opinion of the United States naval commander at Taku.

The point of difference between the State Department and European Governments is that the latter are proceeding in belief that all foreign Ministers and missionaries and consuls in Peking have been killed and most upon dealing with the Chinese Government upon that basis, thereby assuming a hostile attitude that tends to destroy the last chance of amicable relations.

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city and capital of the province is Tien-Tsin. That was where Li Hung Chang lived before; it is where the Viceroy has now moved, and in my opinion that is the objective point of the Viceroy.

"The rule of the Province of Chi-Li has nothing to do with the city of Peking. That belongs to the Emperor, but outside of that the Viceroy is Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the Province and absolute in his power."

"I was by the papers that the distinguished Viceroy has reached Shichuan. From that City to Tien-Tsin is not a long sail, and now that the city is in the hands of the allies, Li Hung Chang will have no trouble in getting there. From that point, then, he will begin his labors and I look for good results from the moment he arrives there."

"The Viceroy took the field himself against the Boxers." Minister Wu was asked.

"I would think not. Li Hung Chang is now 80 years of age and hardly able to stand the rigors of a campaign. He has plenty of good generals under him."

Regardless of the reports that the Emperor of China had been either imprisoned or murdered, the Chinese Legation in Washington officially recognizes his existence as the ruler of China.

The thirtieth birthday of the Emperor was celebrated by the legation to-day and the system of the allied forces the staff over the legation building all day. The flag has not been unfurled since the Boxer troubles began.

Under the circumstances, Minister Wu did not permit any elaborate celebration. The legation was content with what the Minister called a "quiet service."

AMERICAN COURAGE.
Miles Says Officers Are Not Needlessly Reckless.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Colonel Liscum's death, while fighting the Ninth United States Infantry in the light of the allied forces at Tien-Tsin, has been a great loss to the army.

A particularly deplorable effect of the death of Colonel Liscum is the estimation of our Government as the abandonment of the idea that there is need for haste in taking even desperate chances in the effort to get the international relief column through to the city of Peking.

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Millinery.

Straw Walking and Outing Hats, in a variety of stylish effects, 75c.
Reduced from \$3, \$4, \$5 and \$6.

Neckwear.
For Women.
Fancy Washable Four-in-Hands, assorted styles, 10c Each.
Reduced from 25c.

English Silk Squares in a variety of this season's best styles, including Bandanas, 25c each.
Reduced from 50c.

English Silk Squares, in assorted Persian and embroidery effects, 50c Each.
Reduced from \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00.

Fancy Lawn Collars.
In varied assortment of choice styles, 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c.
Were 25c, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50.

Hosiery.
50 dozen Women's Plain and Drop-Stitch Fancy Cotton or Lisle Hose, 35c per pair.
Reduced from 50c.

Wash Goods.
Odd lot of Fancy Irish Linen Lawns, French Organdies, St. Gall Swisses, Scotch Zephyrs and Madras, 15c per yard.
Reduced from 25c, 35c and 40c.

32-inch Printed French Pique, in assorted Black and Colored Stripes on White Grounds, 12 1/2c per yard.
Reduced from 25c and 35c.

29-inch Woven Novelty French Piques, in varied size Pink, Red, Blue, Lavender or Black Stripes and Checks on White, 25c per yard.
Reduced from 45c, 50c and 60c.

"DEWEY PROMISED," SAYS A FILIPINO.
General Alejandro, Recently Captured, Makes Startling Statement to Senator Pettigrew.

INDEPENDENCE ASSURED THEM.
One of Aguinaldo's Leaders Quotes a Conversation He Had With American Admiral Just Before the War.

SECURITY EXPLAINED.
Why the Departure of Troops From Manila Is Kept Quiet.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Washington, July 22.—Considerable secrecy is observed by the administration concerning the departure of troops from Manila for China. Two reasons are assigned for this. The first is the necessity of keeping the Philippine leaders in ignorance regarding the government's intentions.

It is pointed out that this is the beginning of the rainy season in the archipelago; that it will soon be necessary for the American troops to concentrate at the garri-son towns and suspend field movements. News of the withdrawal of troops at this time, it is contended, would have a bad effect upon the natives and might perhaps lead to renewed outbreaks.

Later, say War Department officials, when the islands are comparatively quiet, further regiments may be sent to China without exciting trouble, and may be returned to the islands before the dry season begins and fighting can be renewed. It is claimed that this is the real reason for the seeming delay since the mobilizing of regiments at garri-son towns is a necessary prelude to either event.

Lack of transports at Manila is the second reason given for the department's reticence. The officials fear that it will be easier for General MacArthur to mobilize the Spanish regiments at Manila than it will be to provide conveyance for them to Taku or whatever Chinese port may need them.

As matters now stand, there are but two transports in the islands—the Pennsylvania and the Westminister—which cannot be spared for the trip to Taku, since their absence would leave the Philippines without transports, and even in two weeks' time might seriously hamper operations.

KEMPFF LEAVES TAKU.
Flagship Newark Goes to Nagasaki to Be Docked.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—A brief cablegram was received by Secretary Long to-day from Rear Admiral Kempff at Taku. He announced that the Newark was going to Nagasaki to be docked, and cleared. Although he did not say so, it is assumed that he is going with her, as she is his flagship.

CUPID WINS A KING.
Belgrade's Monarch to Wed a Widow Lady-in-Waiting.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.
Belgrade, July 22.—The Official Gazette this morning made its appearance unusually early with the astonishing announcement of the betrothal of King Alexander and Mme. Machin, the widow of a Serbian physician, Mme. Machin, who is 25 years old, formerly served Queen Natalie as a lady-in-waiting.

General astonishment is manifested at this announcement, as it is known that the King has been married to Queen Natalie for some time, and that he has a young son, Prince Alexander, who is now 10 years old.

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DRY GOODS COMPANY.

Special Sales

For the Week Preceding Our Stock Inventory.

Beginning To-Day, Monday, July 23d, we shall offer Women's Silk Waists, Cotton Waists, Wash Dresses, White Goods, Wash Goods, Housekeeping Linens, Silks, Millinery, Hosiery, Etc.,

At a Decided Reduction From Regular Prices.

Women's Garments.

At One-Half Former Prices.

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\$12.50 and \$15.00 Fancy Cloth Separate Dress Skirts; broken sizes; This Week, \$5.00.	\$25.00, \$35.00 and \$50.00 Fancy Cloth, Wool
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